

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: **method of producing a sheet comprising  
through pores and the application thereof  
in the production of micronic and  
submicronic filters**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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In the Specification:

After the title, please insert the following:

--The present patent application is a non-provisional application of International Application No.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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